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SUBJECT: EXTRADITION LAW: SPANISH APPEAL

REF: (A) SAN JOSE 702 (B) KILDAY-BOVA TELCON MARCH 1, 1977

1. SUMMARY. IT MAY BE A WHILE BEFORE A COSTA RICAN SUPERIOR
COURT DECIDES WHETHER OR NOT AN EXTRADITION LAW EXISTS. END
SUMMARY.

2. MARCH 2 EXCELSIOR CITES JUDICIAL SOURCES TO REPORT THAT THE
SUPERIOR COURT, TO WHICH THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT APPEALED A
LOWER JUDGE'S RULING THAT COSTA RICA'S 1976 EXTRADITION LAW
(OR ANY OTHER EXTRADITION LAW) DOES NOT EXIST, (REF A) HAS TURNED
THE APPEAL OVER TO ANOTHER COURT. REASON CITED FOR THIS CHANGE
IS A RECENT COSTA RICAN SUPREME COURT ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION
THAT DIVIDES THE WORK IN THE LOWER COURTS.

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3. ACCORDING TO SAME PRESS ACCOUNT, THE MATTER WILL BE
RESOLVED BY THE COURT "IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS."

4. SPANISH EMBASSY DISCLAIMS ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THIS ACCOUNT,
AND IS TRYING THROUGH ITS LAWYER TO DETERMINE EXACTLY WHAT
SITUATION OF ITS APPEAL IS. KILLDAY

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